

**December 8-10, 2012**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

**Oakland County Legal News: Court celebrates Adoption Day**

"The Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division conducted its 2012 Adoption Day Award Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

**Learn (LRN) 101 Episode 20/Lansing: Passport to Adventure (see 00:35-5:00 minute mark)**

"On this week's Passport to Adventure learn about the judicial system and more at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, [including an interview with Learning Center Coordinator Rachael Drenovsky.]"

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Court orders former Inkster judge Sylvia James to pay \$16.5K**

"The Michigan Supreme Court on Friday ordered ousted Inkster judge Sylvia James to pay \$16,500 in costs to the Judicial Tenure Commission. James lost her seat on the 22nd District Court bench earlier this year after the Michigan Supreme Court found she committed judicial misconduct."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court orders former Inkster judge to pay \$16.5K**

[Full story](#)

**Associated Press: State Supreme Court orders ex-judge to pay \$16.5K**

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Midland Daily News.**

**The Detroit News: Wayne County judge placed on leave over sex flap; Panel to hear charges he impregnated woman who had case in court**

"A Wayne County judge was placed on administrative leave following allegations he impregnated a woman who had an ongoing case in his court, the court's chief judge, Virgil Smith, confirmed Friday. Circuit Judge Wade McCree, who was censured this year for texting shirtless photos of himself, also could be investigated by the Judicial Tenure Commission."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Wayne County Circuit Judge put on leave amid claims of affair**

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**Detroit Free Press: 'Ain't no shame in my game' judge in trouble again**

[Full story](#)

**Associated Press: Detroit judge put on leave amid claims of affair**

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily, the Midland Daily News and the Oakland Press.**

**WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Judge McCree is placed on administrative leave**

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Bashara sentenced to 80 to 240 months in prison in plot to kill handyman**

"Grosse Pointe Park businessman Bob Bashara -- who has been called a suspect in his wife's slaying -- was sentenced this morning to 80 to 240 months in prison for trying to have his former handyman killed."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

### **The Detroit News: 'Ashamed' Bashara sentenced up to 20 years in plot to kill handyman**

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Bob Bashara will spend 80 months to 20 years in prison for soliciting handyman's murder**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Bashara sentenced in murder plot**

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Here's a last chance to catch up on child support**

"A four-day sweep to arrest people who are delinquent on child support is set for Monday through Thursday.... [Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham's Friend of the Court Enforcement] and Chief Judge David Viviano are making the sweep public to give those with outstanding bench warrants a chance to avoid arrest."

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Sanctions for signature by an attorney who is not an attorney of record**

"In Thorne v Thorne, unpublished per curiam opinion (#308382, 11/15/2012), the Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's order awarding attorney fees to the plaintiff as a sanction for a non attorney of record signing a subpoena for the defendant's attorney of record without including language 'for' or 'with permission' in violation of MCR 2.114."

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Man sentenced as teen to 45 years gets second chance**

"A judge said Friday he is convinced a teenager he believed was too dangerous to ever let out of prison is a different man at age 30. Ian Elmer Anderson was given a second chance at life when Lenawee County Circuit Judge Timothy P. Pickard reduced his 45-year minimum prison term to the 12 years he has already served."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

### **Associated Press: Judge grants big break to convicted robber**

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.**

### **Detroit Legal News: Appointments made to Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions**

"The Michigan Supreme Court has announced its appointments to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, which drafts standard instructions for juries in civil cases. The 21-member Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, created under Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2001-6, is composed of judges and attorneys appointed by the Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE ON MODEL CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS  
ANNOUNCED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT**

[Press release](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Legal Leg Up**

"The Michigan Legal Self-Help Center of Wayne County held its grand opening Nov. 13 at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. The center is a free resource for area residents who need to represent themselves in simple civil legal matters. [Several county judges attended the grand opening.]"

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Courtrooms and crops; Macomb lawyer in court by day, fields by evening**

"Clad in overalls and a flannel shirt, Lou Zaidan looks and acts like a farmer. But he talks with a trial attorney's gift of articulation. With a quick change from a three-piece suit, Zaidan transforms from frequent civil and criminal practitioner in Macomb County courtrooms to crop-growin', chicken-feedin', machine-fixin' farmer."

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Scholarly look: Judge pens a sequel to book on forensics**

"Admittedly, Donald Shelton says his latest book was not written with The New York Times best-seller list in mind. Chief Judge of the Washtenaw County Trial Court, Shelton had a different audience in view when he set out to write, 'Forensic Science Evidence: Can the Law Keep Up with Science?' "

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Jackson County Legal News.**

**Flint Journal: DNA test shows Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman almost certainly fathered child out of wedlock**

"... An attorney for Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman and Flint attorney Denise Ketchmark said they have received results of the DNA tests ordered by Oakland County Circuit Judge Cheryl A. Matthews and agree there is more than a 99.99 percent chance that Hayman is the biological father of one of Ketchmark's children -- a 6-year-old boy."

[Full story](#)

**Flint Journal: Editorial: Effort to stabilize Flint should continue after judge dismissed lawsuit**

"We are glad that Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina sided with the emergency financial manager law this time around and dismissed the lawsuit claiming that Public Act 72 could no longer be used to appoint financial managers.... The judge's decision coincides with the attorney general's opinion on Public Act 72, and with a previous ruling by the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

**Hometown Life Newspapers: Appeals judges hear SAD arguments**

"The battle over the Plymouth Community Fire Department has been settled, for now, in Township Hall and at the polls, but it continues at the Michigan Court of Appeals. A three-judge appeals panel heard arguments Friday from both sides in the Citizens Action Group of Plymouth Township's case against the township over ballot language for a proposed special assessment district, or SAD, that would've raised money to support the department."

[Full story](#)

### **Jackson County Legal News: Friends, colleagues wish retiring attorney well**

"A retirement party was held last week for attorney Janet Gage, Jackson County Friend of the Court referee, who has long worked on behalf of area families. Gage helped bring to fruition the new Jackson County Family Visitation Center for families affected by domestic violence."

[Full story](#)

### **Lansing State Journal: Lansing's St. Mary Cathedral to commemorate 100 years**

"[54A District Court Judge] Charles Filice was baptized at St. Mary Cathedral, educated in its school and has attended countless events at the church on Seymour Avenue during his 68 years. He plans to be there Sunday [December 9] when the church begins a yearlong celebration of its 100th anniversary with a special Mass followed by a parish party."

[Full story](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

### **The Macomb Daily: Macomb, state judges concerned about public reporting of performance measures**

"Public reporting of performance measures of courts will happen despite concerns by the Macomb County judges and jurists across the state. The Macomb Circuit Court bench was among a dozen groups or individuals who submitted public comments to the Michigan Supreme Court regarding its administrative proposal approved Wednesday as an order by the state Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

### **The Morning Sun: State Supreme Court Justice has some explaining to do**

Columnist Les Rosan writes "In May of this year, Ross Jones, a reporter for Detroit television station WXYZ broke a story about several questionable real estate transactions initiated by State Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway and her trial attorney husband Michael J. Kingsley."

[Full story](#)

### **The Morning Sun: Judges follow guidelines when imposing sentences**

"Isabella County Chief Judge Paul Chamberlain doesn't feel good about imposing life prison terms, but he knows that there are offenders who need to remain behind bars until death. Sending an offender to prison without the possibility of parole is indicative of the failure of family, the criminal justice system and society, and it isn't something Chamberlain takes lightly."

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Show us the money: Court may ask Kwame Kilpatrick for book proceeds**

"If it's not one legal battle, it's another in Kwame-land. The court now wants to know how much money Kwame Kilpatrick made for the writing and sale of his autobiography; and when they'll get their cut. An hour after Kilpatrick's federal corruption trial adjourns Wednesday, he's expected across town in the Wayne County's Third Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland Press: OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: DEC. 9 (fourth article)**

"... C. Thomas Ludden: Lipson, Neilson, Cole, Seltzer, Garin, P.C. partner, C. Thomas Ludden, has been appointed by the Michigan State Supreme Court to serve a three-year term as an at-large member of the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners. Ludden specializes in commercial litigation, professional liability, and appellate."

[Full story](#)

## **State Bar of Michigan Blog: A Short-Term Appointment: Governor Appoints Amy Gierhart to 54th Circuit Court, Tuscola**

"Gov. Snyder has appointed Amy Gierhart to the seat she won in November, allowing her to assist with the court's workload before her full term begins in January. A Caro High School, Alma College and University of Kentucky College of Law graduate, Gearhart has had her own general law practice in Caro since 1999."

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